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**\$12.00 Overcoats, New Year Price \$9.00**  
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**\$7.50 Overcoats, New Year Price \$6.00**  
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### WRIGHT'S MARKET REPORT

S. W. (Shirt Waists) Preferred took squeeze. A. W. Common not affected. L. S. (Long Skirts) every one looked for a rise, but they remained in their usual place. D. S. (Dirty Skirts) have no value except through Wright's CLEANING house.

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### FOR SALE.

A large heavy six hole (9 inch) Cooking Range, with reservoir and high double warming closets. For either coal or wood. Suitable for lumber camp or large kitchen.  
W. A. Root, 121 South St., Bennington.

### MORE WARSHIPS FOR ISTHMUS.

French Charge d'Affaires Arrives at Colon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Word has been received at the navy department from San Francisco that three additional vessels had left that place to join the fleet under Admiral Glass at Panama. They are the gunboat Bennington and the destroyers Preble and Paul Jones. The gunboat will act as convoy to the smaller vessels. They will stop at La Paz, Mexico, for coal and also may stop at San Diego for the same purpose.

A Colon dispatch says Henry Meot, who has been appointed French charge d'affaires at Panama, has arrived there and was received with honors by the officers of the military and police. He paid a formal visit to Governor Melendez. M. Meot will remain at Colon until tomorrow, when he will go to Panama to take up his duties.

British Vice Consul Hudson paid an official visit to Governor Melendez and congratulated him on the rapid advances made by the republic.

A Paris cable says the annual meeting of the Panama Canal company developed unusual interest and excitement. Prior to the opening efforts were made to secure enough proxies to overrule the existing management of the company, which is favorable to the sale of the company's property to the United States. The group of shareholders inimical to the administration of the company assembled afterward and took up the consideration of measures which should be adopted to obtain the judicial nullification of the action taken by the meeting.

### Fleet For Colon.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 31.—The United States cruiser Topeka and the torpedo boats Truxton and Stewart have arrived here from Key West. The vessels coaled up and proceeded to Colon.

### E. A. BOOTH Fire and Plate-Glass Insurance

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For the return of a small yellow Mexican leather wrist bag, lost Thursday, Dec. 24. Contained between \$40 and \$50. Finder please leave it at the Banner and Reformer office.

### NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Bennington Radio Monument and Historical Association will be held at the Law Office of Stateholder Bates in Bennington on the second Wednesday in January, the 12th day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of officers of the Association for the year ensuing and the transaction of all other business proper to be done when met.  
EDWARD L. BATES,  
Recording Secretary.  
Bennington, Vt., Dec. 25, 1903.

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TO RENT—Warm furnished single rooms or rooms for light housekeeping.  
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TO RENT—Right room tenement on South St. with all modern improvements. A good horse barn in the rear. Rimer P. Rockwood. 39

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TO RENT—Five rooms on first floor, modern improvements, also a furnished room for lady or school girl. Apply to Miss M. N. Moore, 221 Park St.

TO RENT—Seven room tenement on Union St. with all modern improvements. Also six room tenement with all modern improvements, electric lights on Main St. now occupied by Miss H. J. Morgan, the millinery possession given Sept. 1. S. H. Rockwood. 27

TO RENT—Two very desirable tenements, five and six dollars. Apply to B. G. Sade.

WANTED—Washings to do. Mrs. Welch. Corner North and County Streets. W2

WANTED—Orders for fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubbery for spring delivery. Allen Nursery, Rochester, N. Y. C. Ainsworth, Agent, 311 West Main St. 40U

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with use of piano, library and bath for one or two ladies or men and wife. Means can be had next door if desired. Mrs. Geo. H. Jones, Scott Street. 17D10

WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail druggists and agents for insurance, having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 606 Monon Bldg., Chicago, Ill. 41W5

WANTED—Position by an experienced woman nurse. Best of references given. Enquire 442 Main St. 25W12

FOR SALE—40 wagons of all descriptions. In sets of harness, single and double. 30 Horses, good drivers and work horses. Enquire at W. J. Phinney's Livery. 41U

FOUND—A pocketbook containing a small sum of money and a few Home Trading stamps. Holder can have the same by calling at the Banner office, proving property and paying for this advertisement. 16  
old and young. All the Sunday

### FUR SALE

A New York Fur Manufacturer will arrive today with a \$3500 stock of high grade furs for H. Harry Levin, which will be on sale Saturday, January 2, '04. These furs are all of the very finest quality and workmanship and is the chance of a lifetime for the people of Bennington and vicinity to secure high grade furs at less than cost of the skins. Mr. Greeman, who is here to assist at this sale, will buy skins, or we will exchange furs for skins. People wishing to take advantage of this fur sale should call early, as prices put on these furs will move them quickly. Remember these furs on sale at

### H. HARRY LEVIN'S 121 NORTH ST.

### LOST! LOST!!

Two fox-hounds—one a female, black and tan, four white feet, answering to name of "Fan." The other a male, yellow ears, white stripe in face, color white and brown, answers to name of "Line." Finder will be rewarded by returning or giving information to

Peter McLaughlin  
Woodford, Vt.

### WILL BOGOTA FIGHT?

Preparations Are Completed to Send an Army Corps.

### OUR WARSHIPS GATHER AT ISTHMUS

Secretary of War Will Today Finish Reply to Colombian Envoy—Government's Answer to Reyes Will Refute Charges of Bad Faith.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—To save her face Colombia must fight. Her people will never be satisfied until they have made a demonstration against Panama.

This statement, made by a South American diplomat, confirms advice which the Washington government is receiving regarding the warlike intentions of Colombia. Added to these is the admission of General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, that he fears the failure of his mission here may furnish the spark which will cause a general conflagration throughout Colombia of the smoldering indignation against Panama and the United States.

The administration has determined to take no chances. Preparations have practically been completed for the dispatch of troops to the isthmus on short notice in case Colombia attempts an attack.

Colombia, however, must first give unmistakable evidence of her intention to fight before movement of troops from this country to the isthmus will be authorized.

Secretary Root will probably complete today the reply to the note of General Reyes. No excuses will be offered for the conduct of the United States, nor will any promises be made of any concessions to Colombia. The reply is a refutation of Colombia's charges of bad faith and a firm refusal to reopen the Panama question.

### Crooks' Signal a Blue Light.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31.—An order issued to engineers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad directs them to stop at the first telegraph station and report to headquarters whenever a blue light is seen on or near the tracks or right of way. The order does not apply to blue lights used by car inspectors or as spacing signals at stations. In the letter received by President Melvin threats of dynamiting the Adams express train were made. The anonymous writer demanded that upon the appearance of a blue light hung on a telegraph pole a package of not less than \$5,000 be thrown off the train.

### Marshall the Theater Architect.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—Benjamin Marshall, the young Chicago architect who designed the Iroquois theater, left for his home last night, taking advantage of the first opportunity to view the scene of horror. Mr. Marshall is like-wise the architect of the Nixon theater in this city. He was overwhelmed by the news of the disaster. "I'll never allow another theater to be built with a stick of wood in it," he declared. "The Iroquois was built along the very latest lines and was provided with twenty-seven double fire exits, but wood was used."

### School Lands For Santa Fe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hitchcock, with the consent of the president, agreed to donate to Santa Fe, N. M., the abandoned Fort Marcy military reservation, a tract of seventeen and one-half acres. The tract lies in the heart of Santa Fe and is said to be worth \$100,000. It will be used as sites for a new high school and also a graded school. The proclamation making the transfer will be signed by the president as soon as it can be prepared.

### Explosion Hurled Girders 100 Feet.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 31.—By the explosion of a rice cooker in the main building of the Dick Brewing company here the building was almost completely wrecked. Parts of machinery, brickwork and girders were hurled a hundred feet or more. Leo J. Goorvies, a watchman, was the only person in the building at the time and was badly hurt, but will live. Loss, \$60,000.

### McKinley Monument Designs.

CANTON, O., Dec. 31.—Two plaster model designs for the McKinley monument, one weighing a half ton and the other 300 pounds, have been received at the local office of the National McKinley Memorial association. The larger one was from Parde & Short, architects, New York, and the other from C. M. Remy, architect, Washington.

### Alleged Crafters on Trial.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 31.—Patrick P. Murphy and Joseph T. Lodge, former license commissioners of the city of Chicago, are on trial here charged with accepting several bribes from liquor license applicants and conspiring to solicit bribes.

### Costa Rica Recognizes Panama.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 31.—The government of Costa Rica has recognized the republic of Panama. Its action has met with general approval throughout Costa Rica, where sympathy with Panama is practically universal.

### Boston Bids Farewell to Hale.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The people of Boston bade farewell to Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., who will soon go to Washington to take up his duties as chaplain of the United States senate.

### Coolies For South Africa.

PRETORIA, Dec. 31.—After three days' debate in the legislative council a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic labor in South Africa was carried by a vote of 22 to 4.

## AN AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE

## AT A. K. RITCHIE & COMPANY'S NO DULL TIMES WITH US.

After Christmas many a firm shuts itself up into its shell and hibernates until Spring. Times are dull with them, and naturally because they do nothing to make things brisk. With us it is different. No sooner is the rush and roar of the gift-buying battle over than we plan for another engagement. The only way to be busy in January is to make the goods and the prices worth while, and that accounts for the following reductions:

50 pieces 40 inch Nub Cotton, 6c.  
100 pairs 10-4 Blankets, 55c.  
25 pieces 7c Outing Flannels, 5c  
15 pieces 15c Waist Flannels, 12 1-2c.  
200 15c Pillow Cases, 10c.  
100 45c Bleached Sheets, 40c.  
100 45c Nub Sheets 39c.  
25 pairs all wool Blankets from \$4 to \$7; greatly reduced  
Bed Comfortables at sale prices.  
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Ladies' Heavy Jersey Vests and Pants, 25c.  
Great Reductions on the balance of Ladies' and Children's  
Coats, Dress and Walking Skirts, Petticoats, House  
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Half price on all Remnants, Dress Goods, Prints, Percales,  
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Last Call.  
20 dozen Men's \$1.00 Madras Negligee Shirts at 50c

When you went to school, you learned the three "R's," reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. This store, instead of following them, practices the three "S's" of business, Safety, Satisfaction, Saving. And never was the last of these three, "Saving," so noticeable as right now.

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Ladies' ecru Fleece lined Vest and Pants, neatly finished, regular 50c value,

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